

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the original Abstract of the Disclosure with the following new

Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method for closed-loop speed control of an internal combustion engine that is provided as a generator drive or a marine propulsion unit, including the steps of: computing a first control deviation ($dR1$) from a speed variance comparison; computing a first set injection quantity ($qV0$) from the first control deviation ($dR1$) by a speed controller; determining a second set injection quantity (qV) from the first set injection quantity ($qV0$) and another input variable (E) by a minimum value selector for the closed-loop speed control of the internal combustion engine, wherein in a first, steady operating state of the internal combustion engine, the input variable (E) corresponds to a first injection quantity ($qV1$) ($E = qV1$), which is computed via a first characteristic curve, and in a second, dynamic operating state of the internal combustion engine, the input variable (E) corresponds to a second injection quantity ($qV2$) ($E = qV2$), which is computed via a second characteristic curve; and changing from the first characteristic curve to the second characteristic curve when a changeover condition is satisfied.